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The Sale of

Housekeeping and Kitchen Needs

Women who take pride in their cooking, also in the efficiency and neat appearance of their kitchens, are manifesting a keen interest in this annual February event—began yesterday in our Basement.

One distinctive feature of this exhibit of Household and Kitchen Accessories, and one that adds oceans of interest to it, is that it contains so many items that are entirely NEW—little innovations that one scarcely could think of offhand, yet so useful; and they reduce labor to such a minimum that much of one's time spent in the kitchen becomes almost like play.

"Isn't it strange," as one evidently good housekeeper put it, "that women do not give more thought to these little time, labor and money-saving devices!"

Well, a great many women do—and their number grows with each season. A few moments spent at the special "table of innovations" we've arranged will convince almost any woman that there's something on it she needs—and possession invariably will follow.

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED—we know you will—in the exhibit. Come and see it; and also the displays in our Sixth Street Windows.

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SUBCOMMITTEE TO REPORT ON LEASE OF GAS WORKS

Proposition Will Be Explained in Detail at Hearing to Be Held Shortly.

The Council Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities last night referred to a subcommittee of four the proposition of the Southern Gas and Electric Corporation offering to lease the city gas works. The subcommittee consists of Councilman Atkinson, Fletcher and J. C. Powers, and Alderman Nelson.

The company's local representative is Attorney A. H. Smith, who, with other representatives of the company, will appear before the committee at an early date and explain the offer in greater detail. Mr. Atkinson made an effort to enlarge the subcommittee by the addition of Alderman Mitchell, chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, but Mr. Mitchell declined to serve. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the subcommittee which considered the first proposition for the lease of the gas works submitted by the same company in September, 1913.

In view of the strenuous time the city is having financially, and the trouble the budget-makers experienced in making both of the municipal ends meet, the committee voted to table for the present the resolution from the Administrative Board recommending an appropriation of \$350,000 for the construction of a modern pavilion hospital.

ANNUAL RECEPTION

Ellis V. Wood Union to Hold Entertainment at Park Place Church.

The third annual reception of the Ellis V. Wood Union, Women's Christian Temperance Union, will be held in Park Place Methodist Church on Friday night from 8 to 10 o'clock. The program will be as follows:

Addresses: Mrs. Elmore Carpenter and Mrs. D. M. Burrows; readings, Dr. Frank Moody Purser and Mr. Callahan; singing, Mrs. S. G. Meredith, Mrs. A. G. Quarles, Miss Edna Shuman and Mrs. J. P. Fox; accompanist, W. Reginald Walker.

Those in the receiving line will be Mesdames Ellis V. Wood, Lee Todd, W. P. Pumphrey, Charles Harz, W. B. Matthews, L. H. Barker, J. Wilson Wood, J. B. Yarnall, W. R. King, H. M. King, R. M. Smith, J. Bradford, E. H. Blanton and Miss George Shackelford.

Judges Designated.

Governor Stuart yesterday designated Judge Frank B. Christian, of Lynchburg, to hold court in Washington County, beginning on February 17; Judge Preston W. Campbell, of that county, certified to the governor that it would be improper for him to sit in certain trials, as he had been counsel in the cases before he was made judge.

Governor Stuart designated Judge Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen County, to sit for Judge Thomas E. Blakey in the Essex County Circuit Court, because the latter had decided that it would not be proper for him to hear some of the cases coming up in the February term.

Charged With Disorder.

L. A. Owens was last night arrested by Policeman Napier on a charge of being disorderly on the street. He will be arraigned in the Police Court this morning on the charge.

MONEY NOW READY FOR CITY PLANNING EXHIBIT

Mayor Signs Resolution Making Appropriation for Long-Agitated Object.

Mayor Ainslie signed and returned to City Clerk August yesterday the ordinance appropriating \$450 for the city planning exhibit, which will be brought to Richmond at an early date. It will be placed on exhibition in the city for a period of five days and will be in charge of a competent expert to explain its principal features.

Another City Engineer directs the Mayor to contract with the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company for the acquisition of a right of way for the Bacon's Quarter branch sewer between the Denoon and Hospital Streets, in so far as this right of way lies on the railroad's property. The consideration named in the resolution is \$2,214.39.

WOULD LOCATE HUSBAND

Mrs. Herman F. Reick, of Detroit, Appeals to Mayor Werner.

Mrs. Herman F. Reick, 43 Superior Avenue, Detroit, yesterday wrote Mayor Werner asking the assistance of the local police department in locating her husband, who has been missing from home since last May. She said that she knew he had been in this city, as she had received a post-card from him bearing the post-mark. The police learned that Reick had spent several days at the Jefferson Hotel during last April.

RETURNED TO HIS CELL

Negro Who Escaped From Penitentiary Captured in Newport News.

Joe Arthur, colored, who escaped from the penitentiary last Saturday night, has been returned to his cell. He was captured in Newport News, where he had applied for a job in loading a horse vessel for Europe. Mr. Hutcherson, who was in charge of the ship, recognized the negro from a description given in The Times-Dispatch, and caused his arrest.

Dr. Freeman Lectures.

A large crowd heard the lecture delivered by Dr. Douglas S. Freeman last night in Stockton Street Baptist Church. Dr. Freeman spoke on "Mind of the People," giving an interesting sketch of the psychological effect of the forces operating on the public mind. A considerable sum was raised for the building fund of the church.

Robberies Reported.

F. Elstein, 1223 West Eighth Street, yesterday reported to the police that his place had been entered during Monday night and that nearly a cart load of merchandise had been stolen. He valued the clothing and other things at nearly \$200.

T. C. Thompson, 714 East Franklin Street, informed the police that a camera, valued at \$105, a smaller camera and a shaving set had been stolen from his room during Monday night.

RETRENCHMENT SPECTRE ABROAD IN CITY HALL

Board Asks City Engineer How Many Employees He Can Discharge.

ADOPTS CARD INDEX SYSTEM

Clerk Authorized to Purchase and Install Modern Catalogue, Listing Every Employee Under Board's Control and Personal Information.

The spectre of impending retrenchment made its appearance in the City Hall, yesterday, in the form of two resolutions adopted by the Administrative Board, one calling upon the City Engineer to report what reductions he would recommend in the office and supervisory forces of his department, and another looking to the installation of a card index system cataloguing every officer and employee in each of the departments under the board's control.

Admittedly, both resolutions are inspired by the rigid economy that animated the framers of the forthcoming budget which, in most cases, allots to each department of the city government just enough to pay running expenses for the year without any appreciable amount for extensions. The total absence of opposition to the new budget in the lower branch of the Council, it is assumed, points to its enactment into law in its present form.

CITY SPENT \$400,000

MORE THAN IT EARNED

Appeal to the budget makers by departments clamoring for more money is met with the unassailable statement that the city last year expended \$400,000 more than its total revenue, including down a burden of \$400,000 in unpaid bills, most of which must be met this year. Malcontents are invited by the Finance Committee to suggest a more equitable division of the estimated revenue than is provided by the budget, but so far no one in the Council has been willing to assume the task.

According to the Administrative Board the allotment in the budget to the City Engineer's department is under its control leave only one course open—retrenchment.

If the board is to have only \$165,000 for general street work, then, it is claimed, it must be obtained by a force of office men and inspectors for whom there will be no work. The reasoning applies, with limitations, to each of the other major Administrative Board departments, gas, water and street cleaning.

These are the considerations, it is stated, that led the board yesterday to adopt a resolution offered by Ellen C. Pollock, directing the City Engineer to report to it what reductions in the supervising and office forces of his department he deems necessary in view of the fact that the appropriation last year for surface improvements was approximately \$1,000,000 and the indicated appropriation for this year \$165,000.

INSPECTORS CONFRONTED

BY DEARTH OF WORK

The Engineering Department is directly in charge of all surface improvements. With the allotment of the extensive smooth paving contracts last year, under the \$500,000 bond issue, the department was authorized to employ a number of inspectors for the purpose of supervising the work. For whom, according to the board's reasoning, there will be no further work. The department, it is stated, now employs twenty-one inspectors of all descriptions.

While the action of the board appears ominous enough on the surface, there was a disposition on the part of the experienced in the ways of municipal government to regard the threat. It is common knowledge that when once on the city's pay roll seldom leave it—that employees are not regarded as mere tools, but as men. It means will be discovered for carrying forward the street improvement work now under way, making necessary the retention of most of the men now employed.

Members of the Finance Committee point out that while there has been an actual reduction in the appropriation for streets generally from \$400,000 to \$165,000, the amount set aside for this purpose in the budgets of 1914 and 1915, respectively, there will be no such relative diminution in actual surface improvement work.

According to the city's cash statement there is an unexpended balance of \$150,000 from the street improvement bond issue. Attention is drawn to the fact that \$50,000 is set aside for street improvements in the bonded territory, and \$100,000 for repairs or street changes—appropriations that were not made in last year's budget. The sum total that will be available this year for surface improvements, according to the Finance Committee, as compared with the \$400,000 appropriation last year, will be about \$75,000.

SAYS \$150,000 BALANCE

HAS BEEN CONSUMED

To this estimate the Administrative Board replies that the \$150,000 balance from the bond issue is already contracted for. According to Mr. Beck, if all the new work for which no payment has as yet been made, were measured up and settled for, practically all of the estimated \$150,000 bond issue balance would be consumed.

Economies of a more far-reaching nature are foreshadowed in the resolution of Carlton McCarthy, which was adopted, directing the clerk of the board to purchase and install an up-to-date card index system equipped with printed forms designed to aid the board in tabulating for ready reference the name of every man employed in the departments under its direction, together with full information bearing upon the character of his employment, quality of his work, salary or per diem wage and other pertinent details.

The resolution directs that the card index shall be kept up-to-date, and in such a manner as to supply to the board at any time with all details necessary for the efficient carrying of pay rolls, or review of any of the departments under the board's direction.

The index system, it is stated, is a step in the direction of a thorough overhauling of the several departments affected, with the view of establishing the possibility of introducing reforms and economies in the way of cutting off superfluous positions and merging duties so as to make possible the employment of fewer men.

In Police Court, Part II.

L. W. Bateman charged with assaulting W. E. Whitlow with a pair of pliers, was fined \$5 by Justice H. A. Maurice yesterday in Police Court, Part II.

James Tyler was fined \$5 for fighting in the street, and Neal Womack, who was charged with striking him, was dismissed.

John W. White and Fred Layman were dismissed from a vagrancy charge, provided they leave the city.

FRESHET WARNINGS GIVEN FOR JAMES RIVER

Wharves Will Be Flooded by Noon To-Day, Says Weather Bureau.

WATER RISING AT COLUMBIA

Chesapeake and Ohio Gauge at That Point Showed Twenty-Two Feet at Midnight, Rising Two Feet in Six Hours.

Flood warnings were issued late last night by the local United States Weather Bureau. The James River will reach a height of twelve feet or more in the forenoon, and from the amount of rainfall in the last three days, it will probably reach a higher mark before nightfall. Rain is predicted for to-day, which adds to the gravity of the situation.

Twelve feet above the high tide level at this point means that the river will flood the Old Dominion Line and the city wharves. If it goes higher it will flood many of the lower Main Street cellars and basements, and will do considerable damage if perishable goods are left in them. The warning from the Weather Bureau, however, should give local men time to move all goods liable to damage by water.

The rise in the river is not particularly serious, as it is gradual. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway reported early this morning that the gauge at Columbia showed twenty-two feet there. The danger mark for Richmond is twenty-six feet at Columbia. The rise at that point was then two feet in six hours, which is not considered alarming, although a continuance of rainfall in the upper James River valley would make the situation serious.

WATER WILL RISE OVER

WHARVES THIS MORNING

Section Director Evans, of the local Weather Bureau station, last night sent out the flood warning. He does this each time the James River reaches the height of twenty feet at Columbia. Although it takes many hours for the water to reach here, that mark means that Richmond will have a rise of twelve feet, which puts it above the wharf levels.

It has been many years since Richmonders have seen the James River rise to such a height that Main Street was flooded. It frequently has done so, and each heavy rain brings the threat of a recurrence. Continued rains, on top of the rise predicted for to-day, would put the city in danger of having one of its main thoroughfares blocked by water.

LOSERS WILL SAW WOOD

Unique Membership Contest at Y. M. C. A. Is Nearing Its Close.

Somebody is going to saw wood at the Young Men's Christian Association. The membership campaign now under way is drawing to a close, and the losers are going to do manual labor to make up for their lack of success in getting new members. The contest will close on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, and will be followed shortly after with a social, at which the wood-sawing stunt will be the feature.

The campaign is known as the "Native State" membership contest. Virginia is lined up against all the other States and the entire world. The other States went ahead of Virginia yesterday, the standing last night being Virginia, 219; other States, 235. A whirlwind blish is expected.

The social will be given shortly after the contest closes, and the date will probably be Saturday night, or Sunday night. Every contestant, together with their friends, will be invited. There will be an informal reception in the lobby, followed by games and stunts. The losers will saw a half-cord of wood on the auditorium platform.

Disorderly Conduct Charged.

Lewis Little, an advertising agent, was arrested last night by Policemen Hickman and Duffy on a charge of being disorderly on the street and refusing to move when ordered to do so by the police. He will be given a hearing in the Police Court to-day.

Wanted in Petersburg.

J. N. Bagby and F. W. Burton, salesmen, were yesterday arrested by Detectives Sargeants Wiltshire and Bailey on warrants charging them with being fugitives from justice in Petersburg. The men are alleged to have defrauded the Chesterfield Hotel of that place of \$15 and \$15, respectively. They will be arraigned in Police Court this morning and probably will be turned over to the authorities of Petersburg at once.

Boy Charged With Stealing.

Detectives Hyatt and Torman yesterday arrested William Cordoro, fourteen years old, on a charge of stealing a small handbag from Miss Ruth Mason. The boy will be arraigned in the juvenile court.

Robs One to Give to Another.

There is a thief who robs one person to give to another, according to Detective Sargeants Wily and Kellam. The detectives were yesterday engaged in investigating the robbery of \$15 and \$15, respectively. They will be arraigned in Police Court this morning and probably will be turned over to the authorities of Petersburg at once.

Automobile Robbed Stolen.

Smith Clifford, 2300 Monument Avenue, last night reported to the police that two automobile robes had been stolen from his machine, which had been left standing before the Academy of Music. The robes were valued at \$30.

Arrested on Warrant.

John George was arrested by Policeman Stockman last night on a warrant charging him with assaulting and beating William Shields. The case will be heard by Justice Griggs to-day.

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English and conservative Sack Suits, in regular and extra sizes.

Sale Starts This Morning

Gans-Rady Company

GROUND HOG SAYS WINTER'S BACK IS BROKEN

Hibernating Little Animal Fails to See His Shadow in Capitol Square.

A ground hog came out of the burrow of the Capitol Square yesterday morning, failed to see his shadow and declared that winter was back. The ground hog, which was named "Duff," was taken from its hole by a group of children. It was a small, brown animal, about the size of a rat. It was taken to the Capitol Square, where it was released. It was seen by a group of children, who were playing in the square. It was taken to the Capitol Square, where it was released. It was seen by a group of children, who were playing in the square.

FRESHMEN BANQUET

Elude Vigilance of Sophomore Class and Enjoy Annual Event.

Although the sophomores made desperate efforts to prevent the freshmen from attending the banquet, the freshmen classes of Richmond and Westhampton Colleges last night held their annual banquet at the Hotel. The banquet was a success, and the freshmen enjoyed it very much. The sophomores were unable to prevent them from attending, and the freshmen enjoyed the banquet very much.

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TAKING PASTEUR TREATMENT

Orange County Man Scratched by Dog Which Later Had Convulsions.

J. T. Doffelmeyer, of Orange County, is undergoing treatment at the Pasteur Institute for a wound inflicted in his hand by a dog which it is feared may have been suffering with rabies. The dog is said to have been apparently well, and was romping with Doffelmeyer when he scratched his hand with his teeth. A few moments later the dog went into convulsions and had to be killed. His head was sent to Washington to be viewed by representatives of the Bureau of Animal Industry. They reported that while there were no traces of rabies to be found in the head of the animal, it would be safer for Doffelmeyer to undergo the Pasteur treatment as a precaution.

Fined for Shooting.

Louis Williams, colored, arrested by Patrolman Waldrop on a warrant charging him with shooting at William Pate with a pistol, was yesterday fined \$50 and costs and placed under \$300 security for twelve months when convicted in the Police Court.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

J. C. West Taken to Grace Hospital for Appendicitis Operation.

The condition of J. C. West, passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, who was stricken with appendicitis in his home, 3101 Flood Avenue yesterday, was last night reported as favorable at Grace Hospital. Mr. West was taken there for an operation, which was performed by Dr. H. S. MacLean. The surgeon found that he was suffering from the disease in an aggravated form, but was of the opinion that his recovery would be speedy as soon as he began to rally from the effects of the operation.

Sent to Grand Jury.

W. C. Adams, arrested by Detective Sargeants Wily and Kellam on charges of forging the name of H. C. Sims to two checks drawn on the Church Hill Bank, was yesterday sent on to the grand jury on each charge. Adams is charged with forging a check for \$25 on January 21, and with attempting to pass another worthless check, for \$20, on January 23. Another case involving \$5, brought against him by H. C. Garvey's Orchestra, yesterday at the request of the complainant.

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